Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Are not the improvements suggested by His Highness important?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—They are.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Are they not urgent also?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are more urgent works to be attended to in the Department.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government expedite them?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—They will try their level best.

Agreements with Medical Practitioners for supply of medicines.

378. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether one of the agreements with Medical Practitioners is not that they will be supplied with medicines worth Rs. 360 a year free of charge;

(b) is any amount now deducted from this cost of medicines; and if so, on what account and how much?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) The rates supplied to the Medical Practitioners for the preparation of the indents do not include the cost of the containers and transport. Hence Rs. 5 towards the cost of the containers and Rs. 8 towards railway freight in the case of the institutions where the consignment has to be sent by rail and Rs. 6 for those institutions where it has to be sent otherwise, are set apart for these purposes.

Thazhakkad Bazaar Road—improvement of.

379. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Will the Government state:—

(1) whether any allotment was made in 1109 and 1110 budgets for the work of widening and improvement of "Thazhakkad Bazaar Road" in Kattur Village;

(2) whether the work has been started;

(3) if not, why?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) No.

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(3) The lands required for the work could not be got acquired before the end of the year 1110. There is no provision for the work in the current year.

Stone-ware Factory.

380. Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the total capital investment in the Stone-ware Factory, up to the end of 1110 M. E.;

(2) the value of the unsold stock at the end of Mithunam 1110;

(3) particulars and value of unsold stock at present;

(4) what are the present arrangements for the sale of the products of the Stone-ware Factory?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Rs. 3,59,425—12—9.

(2) Rs. 40,862—12—8.

(3) Please see the appended list. (*Appendix IV.*)

(4) The Government Pottery Expert is looking after the sales section also at present. District Agents who are paid 5% commission on sales are appointed in the following places:

(1) Cochin and Travancore.

(2) Canara and Coorg.

(3) Tinnevelly and Madura.

(4) Districts on the meter gauge line between Madras and Madura excluding Madras and Madura.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—The total value of the cost of finished articles up to the end of Vrischigam 1111 is Rs. 34931 — 8 — 0 plus 14,042 — 15 — 4. Is that the total value?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—In answer to sub-division (2) the value of the unsold stock at the end of Mithunam is given as 40,862—12—8. Does this include the 14,000 and odd which is given as the value of old stock?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—So then the value of finished articles at the end of Mithunam comes to somewhere about 26,000 rupees?

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